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Rainstorm disrupts power supply in Calabar

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A windy rainstorm that lasted over two hours last weekend disrupted power supply to Calabar, the Cross River State capital and its environs.

About three persons are feared to have drowned in the heavy floods that followed the rainstorm, the third since this month.

Eyewitnesses said a man was washed away at Atimbo area on the outskirts of Calabar metropolis; two other persons were feared drowned by the floods in

Calabar South, a local government council created out of downtown Calabar metropolis in 1996.

By Sunday evening, residents of the entire state capital and adjoining communities were already experiencing the third day without use of electricity either for industrial or domestic use. Most residents resorted to generating sets.

Contacted on the telephone, the manager in charge of public affairs, Calabar Business District, Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN), Frederick Obi told City Scope that a 132kv electricity pylon snapped along the Itu-Calabar road, more than 60km from Calabar.

Obi informed that technical staff from the Calabar business district were working to restore power to the state capital and its environs.

He assured that power might be restored to the state capital this week, but was not specific what time this would be.

Meanwhile, residents of Calabar have also been grappling with fuel supply problems to the area, forcing bootleggers to take advantage of the situation to hawk the products at raised prices, especially the premium motor spirit. Some, said the Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC) depot in Calabar was experiencing product supply problems.